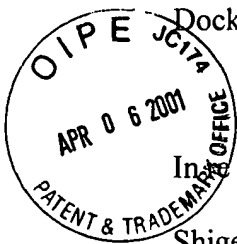


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shigeaki IMAI, et al.

Serial No.: 08/748,935

Filed: November 13, 1996

For: METHOD FOR GENERATING THREE-DIMENSIONAL FORM DATA AND  
APPARATUS THEREFOR

: **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action mailed January 12, 2001. Claims 2, 3, 5, 9-22, 29-31 and 34-37 are now active in this application. The indication that claims 9-22 and 37 are allowable is acknowledged and appreciated.

**REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

Claims 29-31, 2, 3, 5 and 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner maintains that in claim 29, "It is not clear why the projected lines is redefined and what causes the projected lines to comprise another set of contour that are different from the first set of contour."

The rejections are respectfully traversed.